

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2003-336-C – ORDER NO. 2003-708  
DECEMBER 8, 2003

IN RE: Application of VerteX Communications, Inc.    )  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and        )  
Necessity to Provide Competitive Prepaid        )  
Local Exchange Services in the State of South    )  
Carolina.    )

ORDER ESTABLISHING  
PREFILING DEADLINES

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for the purpose of establishing prefiling deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs.103-869(C)(Supp. 2002), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be prefiled on or before **January 21, 2004**, and that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or any intervenors shall be prefiled on or before **February 4, 2004**. (Direct testimony and exhibits may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be prefiled on or before **February 11, 2004**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be prefiled on or before **February 13, 2004**. (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

Further, the Applicant shall prefile with its testimony and exhibits twenty-five copies of any script(s) employed by the Applicant or its telemarketers for the solicitation and sale of its long distance services in other jurisdictions, or an outline of the Applicant's telemarketing procedures and/or training materials for telemarketers. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (and/or scripts or other materials) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Bruce F. Duke, Acting Executive Director

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